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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jesus Casas-Bejar et al

Examiner: Jeremy Thissell

Serial #: 09/063,227

Group Art Unit: 3763

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Docket: P-7109.00

Title: Medical Electrical Leads and Indwelling Catheters With Enhanced Biocompatibility and Biostability

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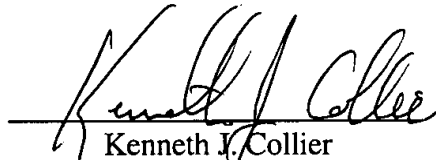
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